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Subject: RE: Ethics

Dan,

Answers to your questions below. Since the ethics code changes were proposed by the Ethics Board, you may also want to reach out to Lynn Rainey for additional background. I included his information below.

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Kellie:

Leroy asked me to go ahead and submit the ethics questions I had on Tuesday and was not given an opportunity to ask. So here they are:

- Who proposed the change being considered to the ethics ordinance that would remove the language that says officials should "avoid the appearance of impropriety?" [The change was proposed by the Ethics Board. Lynn Rainey, the attorney for the Ethics Board, is a good person to contact \[LRainey@pwrlaw.com\]\(mailto:LRainey@pwrlaw.com\) or \(770\) 421-6040 regarding the thought process behind the proposed changes.](#)
- Does Lee support it? Why or why not? [Chairman Lee is supportive of any effort to review and strengthen Cobb County's Code of Ethics.](#)
- Is his position at all connected to the fact that the ethics board seized on that phrase during the complaint that was filed against him last year by Tom Cheek. [No. Chairman Lee supports a strong ethics code.](#)

Those are all the questions I have related to ethics. Of course, I have several questions, which were submitted to Faye DiMassimo related to BRT that have gone unanswered for weeks. We are publishing a story on that tomorrow.

[Dan, I mentioned to Leroy today that I am only responsible for media and communications in the Office of the Chairman. I do not coordinate media contact or communications for the County Manager nor any of the county department heads.](#)

Thanks for everything,

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